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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT AND THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Subject: Today's Meeting of "Negotiations Committee"

You will recall that when U Thant was in Moscow a few weeks ago he was contacted by the North Vietnamese Ambassador there who gave him a friendly greeting from Ho Chi Minh. U Thant hopes to keep this contact alive and has asked Ambassador Goldberg for some proposals that he might pass on to Hanoi if Ho gives him further encouragement.

Our Committee met today and agreed upon a series of propositions which we think would be appropriate to pass on to Goldberg if U Thant gets a favorable reply from Ho. We addressed ourselves to a rewording of Hanoi's four points, the reciprocal actions that we would expect if we were to stop bombing the North, and the prospects for initiating discussions between the Saigon Government and the National Liberation Front. You will receive the details of our proposals shortly in a separate memorandum.

Acting upon another suggestion which U Thant mentioned to Goldberg, we have arranged for a reliable non-American correspondent to make contact with the new Viet Cong representative in Algiers.

W. Averell Harriman

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